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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/933,535	Applicant(s) SHAFFER ET AL. <i>AK</i>	
	Examiner Lisa Kilday	Art Unit 2829	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-23 and 29-31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 August 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of claims 24-28 in the reply filed on 6/25/4 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that claims 29-31 are drawn to methods of making and using the composition and claims 18-21 and 23 are uses of the composition which belong with elected invention of claims 24-28, the composition. This is not found persuasive because the composition is not generic to claims 29-31 and 18-21 and 23. Claims 18-21 and 23 are mutually exclusive from the elected composition claims because according to MPEP 806.05, related inventions can be restricted as long as the method of making and the product made by the process are distinct and the process is not an obvious process of making the product.

The process as claimed can be used to make other and different products or the composition as claimed can be made by another materially different process. In this case, the composition can be made by spinning on a material, not by hydrolysis. See MPEP 806.05(f). Applicant's representative admitted in the second paragraph on page 11 of their 6/25/4 response, that claims 1-21 have another use such as making a microelectronic device *other than* the stated utility of making a resin. Therefore, claims 1-21 and 30-31 are withdrawn.

Claim 23 which is dependent on independent claim 22 is an integrated circuit device which requires forming transistors on a substrate. The composition can exist in solution and thus distinct from the integrated circuit. See MPEP 806.05(g). Applicant's representative argues that the restriction is not burdensome. Applicant's point is not

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persuasive. Restriction is proper because each group is distinct, mutually exclusive and diversely classified.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Objections

Claim 27 objected to because of the following informalities: in line 9 of claim 27, change "a.non" to --a non--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cohen et al. (7,596,733). In re claim 24, Cohen et al. discloses a composition comprising the hydrolyzed or partially hydrolyzed product (col. 6, lines 13-50 where hydrolyze means to change when exposed to water. Cohen et al. discloses a condensation reaction which is hydrolysis or partial hydrolysis) of a combination of silanes (col. 5, lines 39-55) comprising (a) an alkoxysilane or acyloxysilane having at least one hydrocarbon group attached directly to the Si atom which hydrocarbon group contains a non-aromatic, unsaturated carbon to carbon bond (col. 5, line 50-disclosure of $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ which is a hydrocarbon group that contains non-aromatic unsaturated carbon to carbon bond attached directly to the Si atom in fig. 1 in col. 5; also disclosed in fig. 2 of col. 5 and col. 5, line 65), and (b) an alkoxysilane or acyloxysilane having at least one hydrocarbon

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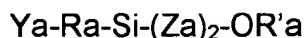
group attached directly to the Si atom which hydrocarbon group includes an aromatic ring (col. 5, line 50 discloses a hydrocarbon group of $-C_6H_5$ which is an aromatic ring directly attached to the Si atom of an alkoxysilane; see also fig. 2 of col. 5 and col. 5, line 65). Also see Cohen et al.'s claims 1, 6, 10, 14.

In re claim 25, Cohen et al. discloses the composition of claim 24 wherein the combination further comprises (c) an alkoxysilane or acyloxysilane having at least one C_1 - C_6 alkyl group attached directly to the Si atom (col. 5, lines 55-66 where R_1 or R_2 can contain an alkyl group such as methyl, $-CH_3$).

In re claim 26, Cohen et al. discloses the composition of claim 24 wherein the first silane (a) is a vinyl acetoxy silane (col. 5, lines 40-50; *emphasis on* vinyl constituent $-CH=CH_2$) and the second silane (b) is an arylalkoxysilane (col. 5, lines 40-50, *emphasis on* aryl constituent of $-C_6H_5$).

In re claim 27, Cohen et al. discloses the composition of claim 25 wherein the combination comprises,

(a) 50-95 mole % silanes of the formula (col. 6, lines 21-50):

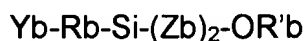


wherein R_a is C_1 - C_6 : alkylidene, C_1 - C_6 alkylene, arylene, or a direct bond (col. 5, line 50 $-CH=CH_2$); Y_a is C_1 - C_6 alkyl (col. 5, line 49, $-CH_3$), C_2 - C_6 alkenyl, C_2 - C_6 alkynyl, C_6 - C_{20} aryl, 3-methacryloxy, 3-acryloxy, 3-aminoethyl-amino, 3-amino, $-SiZ_a_2OR'_a$, or $-OR'_a$; R'_a is independently, in each occurrence, a C_1 - C_6 alkyl or C_2 - C_6 acyl (col. 5, lines 50-51 where OR' , OR'' , OR''' contain $-CH_3$ groups), and Z_a is C_1 - C_6 alkyl (col. 5, line 50 where Cohen et al. discloses that $Z_a=R$ is $-CH_3$ or $-C_2H_5$ or $-$

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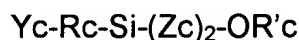
C₃H₇), C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-6 alkynyl, C₆₋₂₀ aryl, or -ORa', provided at least one of Za or the combination Ra-Ya comprises a non-aromatic carbon carbon bond unsaturation (see col. 5, lines 39-51; wherein the hydrocarbon containing a non-aromatic carbon-carbon bond is disclosed in col. 5, line 50 as -CH=CH₂),

(b) 5 to 40 mole percent (col. 6, lines 21-40)



wherein Rb is C₁-C₆ alkylidene, C₁-C₆ alkylene, arylene, or a direct bond (col. 5, line 64 where R₁ and R₂ are -CH₃, -C₂H₅ and Rb is represented as either Cohen's R₁ or R₂); Yb is C₁-C₆ alkyl (Cohen et al. discloses in col. 5, line 64 where R₁ and R₂ are -CH₃, -C₂H₅ and R₁ and R₂ can be Yb), C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-6 alkynyl, C₆-C₂₀ aryl, 3-methacryloxy, 3-acryloxy, 3-aminoethyl-amino (col. 7, lines 1-15), 3-amino (col. 7, lines 1-15), -SiZb₂ORb', or -ORb'; Rb' is independently, in each occurrence, a C₁-C₆ alkyl (Cohen et al. discloses in col. 5, lines 55-65 that Rb' can be R₂ and R₄ which are alkyls of -CH₃ or -C₂H₅) or C₂-C₆ acyl; and Zb is C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-6 alkmyl, C₆-20 aryl, or -ORb', provided at least one of Zb or the combination of Rb-Yb comprises an aromatic ring (col. 5, lines 55-66; wherein the hydrocarbon Zb or the combination of Rb-Yb comprises an aromatic ring disclosed in col. 5, line 65 as -C₆H₅), and

(c) 0 to 45 mole percent



wherein Rc is C₁-C₆ alkylidene, C₁-C₆ alkylene, arylene, or a direct bond; Yc is C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-6 alkynyl a C₆-C₂₀ aryl, 3-methacryloxy, 3-acryloxy, 3-aminoethyl-amino, 3-amino, -SiZc₂ORC', or -ORc'; RC' is independently, in each

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occurrence, a C1-C6 alkyl or C2-C6 acyl ; and Zc is C1-C6 alkyl, C1-C6 alkenyl, C2-6 alkynyl, C6-20 aryl, or -ORc', provided at least one of Zc or the combination of Rc-Yc comprises an alkyl (Cohen et al. discloses in col. 5, lines 51-55 that a mixture of various organotrialkoxysilanes and organodialkoxysilanes can be used).

In re claim 28, Cohen et al. discloses the use of the composition as an adhesion promoter (col. 2, lines 57-59).

Conclusion

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0957. See MPEP 203.08.

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Lisa Kilday whose telephone number is (571) 272-1962. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo, can be reached on (571) 272-1957. The fax number for the group is (703) 872-9306. MPEP 502.01 contains instructions regarding procedures used in submitting responses by facsimile transmission.

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